Psychiatric Test Ordered For Bremer

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A federal judge in Baltimore yesterday ordered a psychiatric examination for Arthur H. Bremer, accused of shooting Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace and three others May 15, to determine if Bremer is sane and able to stand trial.

Under the law, the examination will be limited in the sense that nothing discovered by two phychiatrists appointed by the court can be used as evidence against Bremer in any trial on federal charges of violating Wallace's civil rights, assaulting a federal Secret Service officer who also was wounded with Wallace, and illegally transporting a gun in interstate commerce.

The examination was requested by U.S. Attorney for Maryland George Beall in an apparent effort to speed Bremer to trial in U.S. District Court in Balitmore. Chief Judge Edward S. Norhrop issued yesterday's order.

The length or location of the mental examination was not indicated.

"It's moving the case along rather than waiting for the defense to do it," said Paul Kramer, Beall's assistant.

Bremer's court-appointed attorney, Benjamin Lipstiz, has given no indication whether he plans an insanity defense for the 21-year-old former Milwaukee busboy.

High officials in the federal government are known to want Bremer to be tried first in a federal court in order to emphasize the effectiveness of the 1968 Civil Rights Act, under which he faces federal charges in the Wallace shooting.

The state charges against Bremer include attempted murder and carry heavier penalties—possibly life imprisonment or death—than the federal ones.

Prince George's County State's Attorney Arthur A. Marshall Jr., who is handling the state prosecution, said yesterday that he still expects Bremer to come to trial in Upper Marlboro, the county seat, on July 12.

Wallace was shot in a shopping center in Laurel, Md., in Prince George's County. He is being treated at Holy Cross Hospital, Silver Spring, where he lies paralyzed from the waist down, a bullet lodged in his spine. No federal trial date has yet been set.

Bremer is being held in the Baltimore County jail in Towson on a total $400,000 bond. His attorney has appealed the high figure to the U.S. Court of Appeals but no hearing date has been set.